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**MATRICULATION EXAMINATION  
DEPARTMENT OF MYANMAR EXAMINATION**

**ENGLISH**

**Time Allowed: (3) Hours**

**WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN THE ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.**

**I. Read the passage.**

Among others, Bagan with its thousands of old pagodas is recognized by the world's travellers as one of the world's wonders. This 1,200-year-old city, with over 2,000 ancient pagodas is proof of the rich cultural heritage of Myanmar and is one of the archaeological treasure houses in Asia.

Just 50 kilometres southeast of Bagan lies Mount Popa, an extinct volcano. It is a unique place for those who would like to enjoy half a day or a day hiking and trekking in the mountain.

If one has a taste for mountains and hills, one can take a trip to the Shan hills where the weather is cooler, and the smiles of the various ethnic groups in their colourful traditional costumes create an atmosphere of warmth and friendliness. Besides, it is here that one will see the famous leg-rowers of Inlay Lake.

Other major tourist attractions in Myanmar are long, white, sandy and unspoilt beaches such as Ngapali, Maungmakan, Chaungtha, Kanthayar, and Ngwesaung, where one can study marine life, and enjoy peace and tranquility, as well as view nature at its best.

**(A) Write the correct word or words to complete each sentence.**

**(5 marks)**

- (1) Bagan is considered as an archaeological ----- in Asia.
- (2) ----- of the Shan hills is cooler.
- (3) The various ethnic groups in the ----- wear colourful traditional costumes.
- (4) The smiles of the various ethnic groups create a ----- atmosphere.
- (5) Beaches in Myanmar are not only long and white but also -----.

**(B) Answer each question in one sentence.**

**(5 marks)**

- (6) How old is Bagan?
- (7) Where is Mount Popa situated?
- (8) Who should visit the Shan hills?
- (9) What does the underlined word, 'their' in line 8 refer to?
- (10) Besides studying marine life and enjoying peace and tranquility, what else can we do at the beaches of Myanmar?

**II. Fill in each numbered blank with a word from the list given.**

**(10 marks)**

Write down only the number of the blank and the word that fills it.

and	and	fool	it	it
long	misleading	not	Of	offer
one	only	perhaps	personality	than
that	the	to	to	touch

Perhaps most important of all, advertising helps ---(1)--- keep up the quality of the products ---(2)--- services you buy. No regular advertiser dare ---(3)--- a product that fails to live up ---(4)--- the promise of his advertisements. He might ---(5)--- some people for a little while through ---(6)--- advertising. He will not do so for ---(7)---; for the public has the good sense ---(8)--- to buy the poor quality article more ---(9)--- once. If I see an article advertised, ---(10)--- is the surest proof I know that ---(11)--- article does what is claimed for it, --- (12)--- that it is good value.

There is ---(13)--- more point I feel I ought to ---(14)--- on. Recently, I heard a well-known television ---(15)--- declare that he was against advertising because ---(16)--- persuades

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rather than informs. This is hair-splitting. ---(17)--- course advertising seeks to persuade. If it ---(18)--- gave information, advertising would be so boring ---(19)--- no one would pay any attention. But ---(20)--- that is what the well-known television personality wants.

**III. Write the appropriate words or groups of words to complete the sentences and lines of verse.**

**(10 marks)**

- (1) Scientists finally decided to continue to have every ----- as a leap year.
- (2) Jim Bishop dreamt of owning a house on the beach to look at the ocean in all of -----.
- (3) Slight little girls are transformed into tall young women with ----- figures.
- (4) Robots are also used for the cleaning of -----.
- (5) Sentosa, an ----- of Singapore, offers a collection of the country's finest attractions.
- (6) A railroad bridge  
Where ----- slowly crawl;
- (7) Long, long afterward, in an oak  
I found the arrow, -----;
- (8) Happy the man, whose wish and care  
A few ----- bound.
- (9) No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars, ----- at night:
- (10) And -----  
Brings longest day;

**IV. Give complete answers to these questions.**

**(10 marks)**

- (1) What do travellers to the moon require? (OR)  
After totalling the bill, what does a modern cash register do?
- (2) In what stage of NREM do you start to go to sleep and what kind of feeling do you have at that time? (OR)  
What kind of cities are Melaka and Penang and what can visitors do there?

**Say something about these lines (from your prescribed text).**

- (3) What is the title of the unit from which the following sentence is taken? What does the underlined word, 'which' refer to?  
The feelings which advertisements try to play on will differ according to the age groups for which the advertisements are intended.
- (4) Who said these words and to whom were they said? What do they mean?  
"I'm not sure about your method of teaching Helen."
- (5) What do these lines mean?  
It changed into an elephant.  
Of most unusual hue,

**V. Read the passage.**

The majority of malaria deaths occur among young children and pregnant women.

Early diagnosis and prompt adequate treatment is essential in curing malaria and preventing death. A limited number of drugs for treating malaria are available. However, in some regions the parasites are resistant to certain antimalarial drugs, particularly chloroquine. People continuously infected gradually develop immunity to the disease.

Preventing malaria includes a variety of measures: wearing protective clothing, using repellents, and sleeping under bed nets treated with insecticides. Community protection measures, like using insecticides, are directed against the mosquito to control transmitting the disease. But, *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti) - naturally occurring bacterium that is lethal to mosquitoes and black flies - may be a solution because mosquitoes are becoming more

resistant to chemical insecticides, which have been used for decades to control malaria. The importance of Bti is that it is an environmentally safe biological pesticide found in nature.

**Answer these questions. Give complete answers.**

**(10 marks)**

- (1) Who suffer more from malaria deaths and what is needed to cure malaria and prevent death?
- (2) What can we get for treating malaria and what is given as an example of an antimalarial drug?
- (3) What happens if people are continuously infected with malaria and how many preventive measures are mentioned in the passage?
- (4) What does Bti stand for and what kind of pesticide is it?
- (5) What and how long have people used to control malaria?

**VI. Punctuate the following.**

**(5 marks)**

- (1) visitors should not miss the beautiful 20 hectare jurong bird park which is the largest bird park in all of southeast asia
- (2) thida said weve been living in yangon since we left bago
- (3) mother said i dont think hell come back before may
- (4) id like to go to ngapali beach in rakhine state said my brother
- (5) thida why didnt you come yesterday said nilar

**VII. (A) Finish each sentence in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence that is given.**

**(10 marks)**

- (1) A crowded bus hit the lamp post near our house.  
The lamp post -----.
- (2) If she does not take exercise, she will gain weight.  
Unless -----.
- (3) Although my sister is thin, she is healthy.  
In spite of -----.
- (4) Everyone needs good health.  
There is no -----.
- (5) Nilar said, "Did you go to Ngapali with your friends last year, Tun Tun?"  
Nilar asked -----.
- (6) The maid sang a song. She washed the clothes under the tree.  
Singing -----.
- (7) The main aim to use a certain language is to communicate with each other.  
It is -----.
- (8) A wise man controls his anger. He knows that it causes mistakes.  
A wise man not only -----.
- (9) Sittway is a coastal town in Rakhine State. Sittway is clean and beautiful.  
Sittway, -----.
- (10) Daw Nu was very satisfied with her son's marks in the test. She gave him a new watch.  
Daw Nu was so -----.

**(B) Using the prompts given, write a very short paragraph on ONE of the following.**

**(10 marks)**

- The astrologer who failed in carrying out his lot**
- one of – four students – studied – Disaparmauk – Taxila
  - astrologer – came – rich family followed – natural bent – specialized – astrology
  - four youths ran out – dry rations – came back – their respective parents
  - drew lots – decide – who – do what task

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- task – astrologer – gather some vegetables – decent meal
  - went – forest – climbed – tall bael tree – plucked – tender bael leaves
  - not come down – ground – but – stayed on – tree
  - waiting – moment – would – under – influence – descending constellation
  - three friends – ground shouted – come down – bael tree
  - when – came down, – half-slipped – half-fell – lost – tender bael leaves
- Clocks and watches**
- ago, people invented things – help – measure – passage – time
  - invented sundial, striped candle, water clock – hourglass – tell time
  - they – not convenient – invented clocks – a face – an hour hand
  - later, minute – second hands – put – some clocks
  - watches came – use – clocks – made small enough – carried
  - pendulum clock – showed hours – exactly – earlier clocks – invented – 1657
  - people began – go – places – do – things – they – interested – knowing – correct time
  - today, we – electric clocks – keep giving – right time – they – unplugged – electricity goes
  - digital clocks, – modern electric clocks – faces – hands tell – time – set – numerals
  - some electric clocks – start – coffee maker – some – combined – radios – set – turn – automatically

**VIII.** You are **Min Tun**. You live at **No. 16, Zizawa Road, Pyay**. Write a letter to **your sister, Thi Thi**, asking her to lend you her travelling bag for a few days and telling her why you need it and when you will return it to her. **(10 marks)**

**(OR)**

You are **Lin Lin**. You live at **No. 323, Baho Road, Yangon**. Write a letter to **your aunt**, telling her in which subjects you hope to get distinctions in the final examination and also telling her why you hope so.

**(OR)**

You are **Thida**. You live at **No. 49, Rose Street, Taunggyi**. Write a letter to **your cousin, Tu Mar**, who is a Grade 11 student, telling her to get enough sleep and rest to make herself fit and not to stay up late studying her lessons.

**IX.** Write an essay of **three paragraphs** on **ONE** of the following. **(15 marks)**

Some things that money cannot buy

**(OR)**

Healthy food for a healthy lifestyle

**(OR)**

Making good use of time

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